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Sir:

The reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference is not enclosed but has been submitted in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for copending application USSN 08/844,419, filed April 18, 1997. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

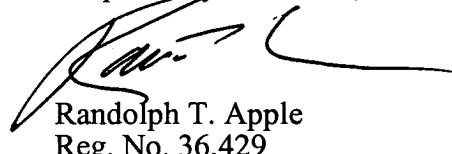
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